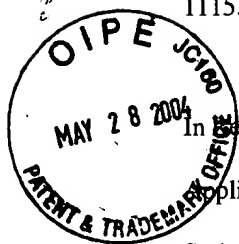


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Fee Calculation For Claims As Amended

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Total Claims	30	-	34	=	0	x	\$18.00	=	\$ -0-
Independent Claims	9	-	11	=	0	x	\$86.00	=	\$ -0-
Fee for Multiple Dependent Claims							\$290.00	=	\$ -0-
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(X) Amendment A with (1) replacement sheet and (1) annotated sheet.

() A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.

() Petition for Extension of Time (in duplicate), with check in the amount of \$_____.

() Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account No. 07-2069.

(X) If a Petition under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response is required to make the attached response timely and does not separately accompany this transmittal, Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for response in the above-identified application for the period required to make the attached response timely.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to this application under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-2069. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2004, please amend the above-identified Application as follows: